

Indiana's Response to Intervention Academy



**National Center on RTI: We're here
to help**

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What is the National Center on RTI?

The RTI Center is a 5-year Technical Assistance Center funded through a cooperative agreement with OSEP's Research to Practice Division and is part of OSEP's National Technical Assistance and Dissemination Network.

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Our Strategy Includes Collaboration

- IDEA Partnership
 - IRIS Training Center
 - Center on Instruction
- National Research Center on Learning Disabilities
 - National High School Center
 - Project Forum
- Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
 - Center for Early Literacy Learning
 - Center for Evidence-Based Practices
- National Center on Student Progress Monitoring
- National Association of Elementary School Principals
 - Council for Exceptional Children
- Council of Administrators of Special Education
- Regional Resource Centers, Comprehensive Centers and Equity Centers

Center Mission

Build the capacity of State Educational Agencies (SEAs) to assist Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) in implementing proven and promising RTI models.

Components to Consider

- ❑ Leadership
- ❑ Evidence-based core curriculum, instruction, & interventions/extensions
- ❑ Assessment and progress monitoring system
- ❑ Data-based decision making
- ❑ Cultural responsiveness
- ❑ Family, community & school partnerships

Achieving the Mission

Strategy 1: Identify and evaluate RTI models for identifying and serving students with or at risk for a disability identification

Strategy 2: Provide ongoing technical assistance to states and local districts to support the implementation of comprehensive RTI programs in classrooms, schools and local districts across the country

Strategy 3: Disseminate information about proven and promising RTI models to parents, service providers, program administrators, policymakers, and other interested stakeholders across the country

Our View of RTI

Response to intervention integrates student assessment and intervention within a multi-level prevention system to maximize student achievement and reduce behavior problems.

With RTI, schools identify students at risk for poor learning outcomes, monitor their progress, provide evidence-based interventions and adjust the intensity and nature of those interventions depending on a student's responsiveness, and identify students with learning disabilities or other disabilities.

Primary Strategies/Service Areas for State Support

- Knowledge Production
- Technical Assistance Support
- Information Dissemination

Strategies for State Support

1. Knowledge Development

Conduct reviews of RTI tools and practices for:

- Rigor and impact
- Conditions for successful implementation
- Cultural and linguistic competence

Examples of Knowledge Production

The Technical Review Committees will focus on three domains:

- Tools for:
- Screening in reading and mathematics
- Progress monitoring in reading and mathematics
- Tiered Interventions (not Tier 1)

Example of Progress Monitoring Reviews

Tools Area		Foundational Psychometric Standards		Progress Monitoring Standards				
		Reliability	Validity	Alternate Forms	Sensitive to Student Improvement	AYP Benchmarks	Improving Student Learning or Teacher Planning	Rates of Improvement Specified
Accelerated Math and Reader	* Math	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Reading	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
AIMSweb	i Early Literacy	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Early Numeracy	●	●	●	●	●	○	●
	Math	●	●	●	○	●	○	●
	Maze	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Reading	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Spelling	●	●	○	●	●	●	●
	Written Expression	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)	Initial Sound Fluency	●	●	●	●	●	○
Nonsense Word Fluency	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Oral Reading Fluency	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Phonemic Segmentation Fluency	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	

Center Topical Workgroups

1. Comprehensive evaluation and SLD determination
2. Disproportionality
3. English language learners
4. Implementing RTI at the secondary level
5. SEA implementation and evaluation

Middle and High School Study Phases

1. Scouting
2. Initial contact
3. Screening for RTI components
4. In-depth interview
5. Site visit
6. Annual follow-up

Panels: HS – Experts; MS - Practitioners

Strategies for State Support

2. Technical Assistance

Provide support to states that is:

- Face to Face
- At a Distance
- Regional and National
- Three levels of TA:
 - Intensive (HI, KS, MA, MO, NM, OK, PA, & SC)
 - Targeted
 - Universal

Strategies for State Support

3. Information Dissemination

Share information through a variety of methods

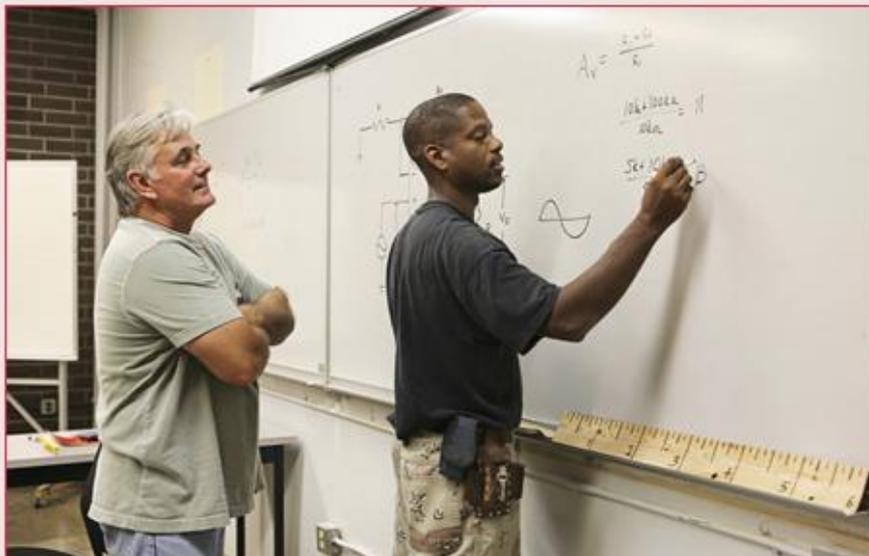
- Web-based Communities of Practice
- Library of Products for Educators and Families on 11 topics
- Webinars
- Newsletter



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What's New ?



Our Library

RTI TOPICS

- What is RTI? (40)
- Tiered Instruction
 - Tiered Instruction: General Information (3)
 - Tiered Instruction: 3-Tier Model (25)
 - Tiered Instruction: 4 - or 5-Tier Model (1)
- Models of RTI (5)
- Student Screening Tools (4)
- Progress Monitoring (48)
- Early Intervening Services (13)
- Learning Disabilities Identification (44)
- Behavioral

What's New in RTI?

Center to Provide Intensive TA to Eight States

As part of our charge, the National Center on Response to Intervention provides technical assistance (TA) support to each of the 50 states and 9 territories across the country. In collaboration with state RTI leadership teams and others, the Center has confirmed that 8 states will receive intensive TA supports that will help them to plan, implement and evaluate their RTI initiatives. The states receiving intensive TA are Hawaii, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and South Carolina. **Click here** for more information.

Did You Miss Our Webinar on RTI and ELLs?

If you missed this month's webinar on English Language Learners (ELLs) and RTI, you can still view the recording. **Click here** for more information.

NCRTI materials

The screenshot shows the NCRTI website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Home (purple), About RTI Center (red), Library (blue), Tools/Interventions (teal), Events (orange), and Discussion Forums (green). Below the tabs is a sidebar titled "Our Library" with a list of RTI topics. The main content area displays the breadcrumb "Home > RTI Stakeholders > RTI Stakeholders: Administrators" and a list of resources. The first resource is "RTI Stakeholders: Administrators" with a magnifying glass icon. Below it is "Dialogue Guide: Struggling Readers" with a magnifying glass icon. A paragraph describes this 2007 brief and tool, developed by the IRIS Center, which provides an overview of struggling readers and includes six sets of questions for stakeholders. Below the paragraph is a "BRIEF" link with a PDF icon. Underneath is a section titled "All Stakeholders" with a list of links: District and Building Administrators, Families, Higher Education, Policymakers, Teachers and Related Service Practitioners, Dialogue Guide Facilitator's Handbook (with PDF icon), and Center Online Module. The second resource is "IRIS Center for Training Enhancement: Response to Intervention Online Modules – RTI: Considerations for School Leaders" with a magnifying glass icon. A paragraph describes this module as a guide for implementing an RTI model, covering its advantages, effective leadership, and implementation factors. Below this paragraph is a "HTML Version" link.

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 - Cultural and Linguistic Diversity: ELL (6)

Home > RTI Stakeholders > RTI Stakeholders: Administrators

RTI Stakeholders: Administrators

Dialogue Guide: Struggling Readers

This 2007 brief and tool were developed to guide stakeholders through dialogue on struggling readers. The guide includes a brief developed by the IRIS Center to provide an overview of who are struggling readers and how to instruct them. Also included are six sets of questions for different stakeholders, developed by the IDEA partnership, which ask stakeholders to consider how they use data and construct interventions for struggling readers. The resources can be used in conjunction with the Dialogue Guide Facilitator's Handbook and the online module developed by the IRIS Center at Vanderbilt University (see below).

BRIEF 

All Stakeholders

- [District and Building Administrators](#)
- [Families](#)
- [Higher Education](#)
- [Policymakers](#)
- [Teachers and Related Service Practitioners](#)
- [Dialogue Guide Facilitator's Handbook](#) 
- [Center Online Module](#)

IRIS Center for Training Enhancement: Response to Intervention Online Modules – RTI: Considerations for School Leaders

This module serves as a guide for implementing an RTI model within a school. It provides an overview of RTI and its advantages, discusses effective leadership, and outlines factors to consider prior to adopting and while implementing such a system. It also reviews methods of student progress monitoring and program evaluation, and includes videos, readings, and questions for further exploration. The module would be most appropriate for principals and other administrators, and was developed by the IRIS Center for Training Enhancement.

[HTML Version](#)

Integrated System for Academic and Behavioral Supports

Tier 3:

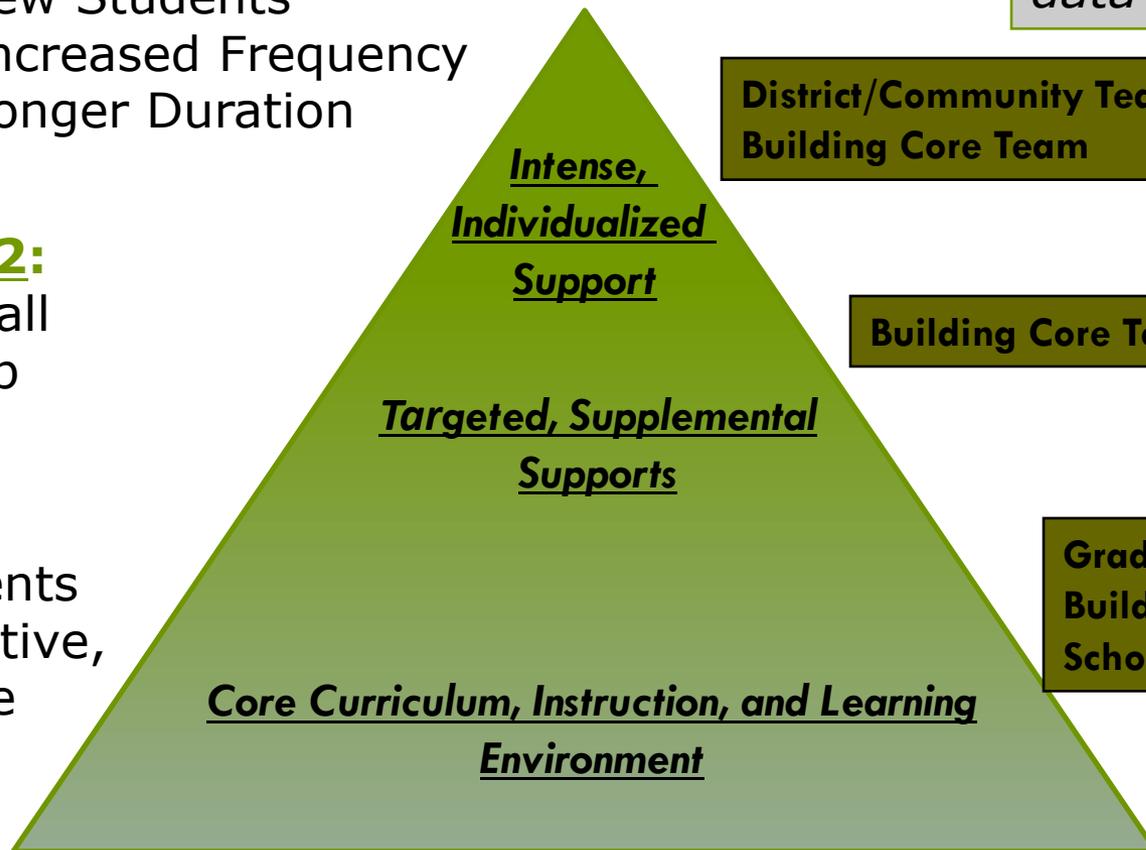
- Few Students
- Increased Frequency
- Longer Duration

Tier 2:

- Small Group

Tier 1:

- All Students
- Preventative, Proactive



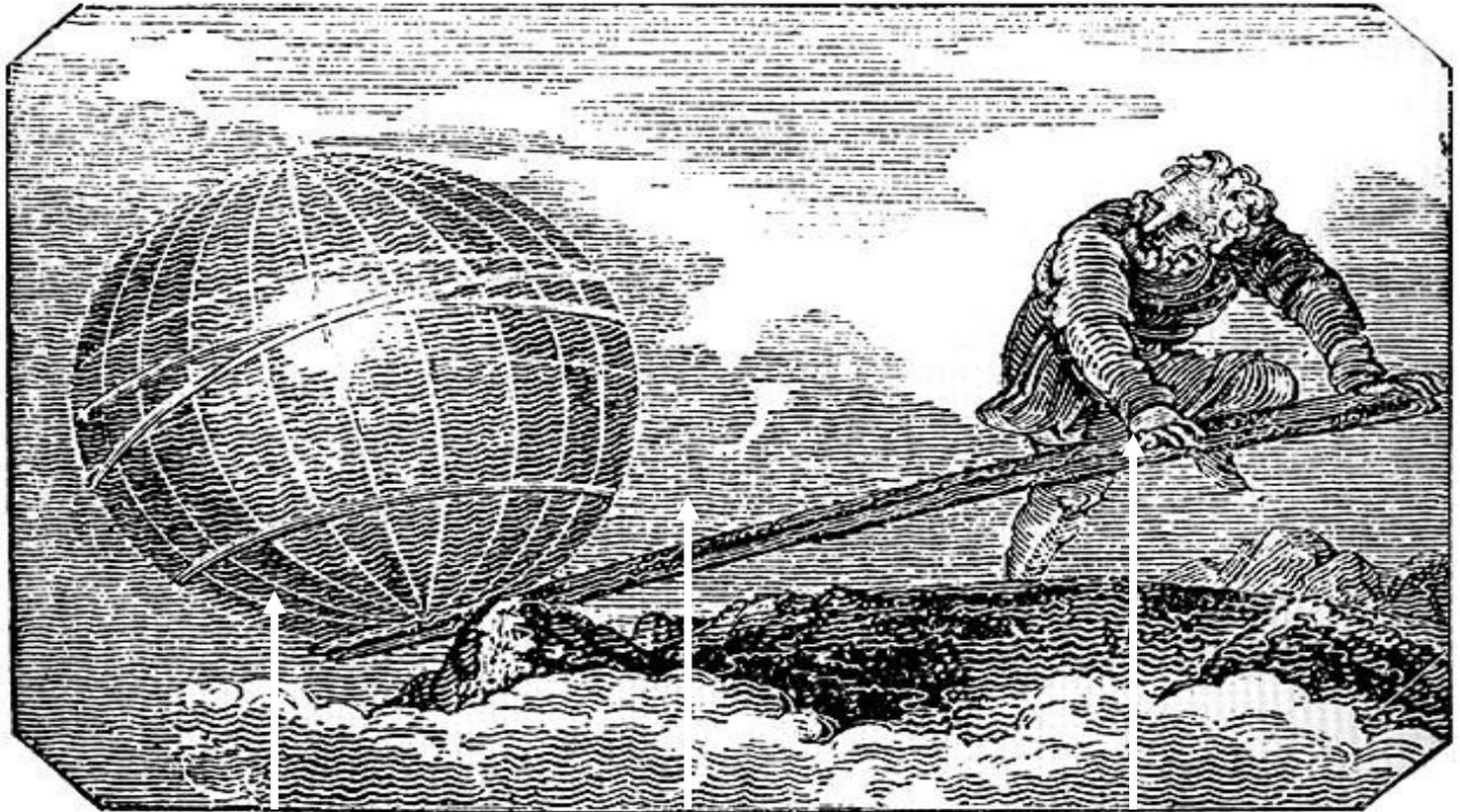
District/Community Team
Building Core Team

Building Core Team

Grade Level Teams
Building Core Team
School Improvement Team

Services across tiers are fluid and data-driven

Change: Lever, Position, & Energy



Student Outcomes

RTI

All of us

What's New to You about RTI?



Analyzing Change vs. Stability

RTI Components

(Technology)

- Current practices
- Change agent

Perceived Role

(Personal Theory)

- Professional beliefs
- Context

School Culture

(Social System)

- Team relationships
- Team chemistry

William Reid (1987)

Wisdom and Patience



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